

Cornhill Community Action Ltd Status report, March 2020

CCA Ltd plans to:

- refurbish the school building raising money by grant applications;
- rent out four to six units to organisations who will promote the health and well-being of the community.* If this is not possible, other organisations will be considered;
- act as an umbrella for various village groups, e.g. Cornhill Community Action Group, Cornhill Social History project, the Churchyard group;
- set up a bank account. This process was to be completed within 10 days but COVID19 has caused Bank of Scotland in Berwick to close. The application is on-hold

** The Company has sent letters to the following to gauge interest in the units:*

Bell View - cannot consider this at the moment because of coping with coronavirus

Age UK Northumberland - no reply yet

Border Links - no reply yet

Cornhill Village Shop - cannot consider this at the moment because of coping with coronavirus

The Battlefields Trust - interested

Norham Deanery - no reply yet

North Northumberland and the Borders Psychological Services - expressed interested

Kelso Health and Well-being - no reply yet

Northumberland Sport - no reply yet

Northumberland Scouts - no reply yet

The Foot Health Clinic - expressed interest

The Beauty Room - recent addition (letter not sent yet)

The clerk to Cornhill Parish Council has written to other neighbouring parish councils asking whether they would be interested in encouraging use of the refurbished school building
- no replies received yet

Other ideas:

- community room with board games and access to the internet
- electric car charging points

School playing field - proposed Village Green

- plan of the area has been obtained from www.openstreetmap.org
 - one garden designer contacted so far - Judith Ward who designed the Peace Garden in St. John's, Spittal
 - list of community ideas:-
- quiet garden involving a central feature with seating and scented flower/shrub borders (maybe join The Quiet Garden Movement - <https://quietgarden.org/> - *not yet agreed with community*)
 - central feature mentioned above could be a solar-powered fountain, similar to that outside the Coldstream Health Centre - supplied by Teviot Smokery and Water Gardens http://www.teviotgamefaresmokery.co.uk/water-gardens/info_7.html
 - flower borders
 - seats and benches
 - fruit trees
 - small vegetable and herb garden for everyone's use

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- wild flower area with bug hotels and log piles for insects
- designated walkways with distances marked for those following keep-fit regimes
- adult gym equipment
- flat stone maze
- small log jumps and low balance beams
- metal slide down the bank (for both children and adults!)

All of this will require grant applications and those cannot be started until Cornhill PC knows whether or not it can develop the school playing field. Suitable organisations for grant applications have been identified.